

Eastern Green Junior School



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RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 8th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by at Eastern Green Junior School. It has been a delight to hear the children singing their hearts out in preparation for our Christmas Concerts which are coming up on the 19th and 20th of December. Our children really do raise the roof with their beautiful singing; we cannot wait to welcome you all into school for what promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable festive experience.

This week, we have had lots of sporting opportunities, although yesterday, sadly, our Engage Rugby tournament was cancelled at the very last minute by the organisers due to the poor weather, which was a shame but understandable. Huge thanks to Mrs Pearson-Dodd for her hard work to put together so many fantastic opportunities for our children to be active, represent school and experience competitive sport which is such a pivotal part of growing up. We are so grateful. You may have seen on our school Facebook page, that we are missing some of our EGJS PE team tops. If you can get the word out that we are missing some or know of anyone who may have one hiding at the bottom of a drawer, please do spread the word that we are looking for them. Thank you so much in advance!



Have you seen me? If found, please return!

Next week, we are visiting St Andrew's Church, with Years 5 and 6 visiting on Monday and Years 3 and 4 visiting on Tuesday. As ever, please ensure your child has a coat and appropriate warm clothing; whilst the walk to the Church is not a long one, if the weather continues to be windy and rainy, we need to ensure that all children are wrapped up! Lastly, please can I ask for your support with coats - we have several children who are seemingly a little reluctant to wear their coats at breaktimes. It is too cold, wet, and unpleasant to be outside without one currently and we are really battling to ensure that children are dressed appropriately out on the playground, which is a wind trap and can be incredibly cold without the right attire. Please speak with your child about the importance of wearing their coat when outside - we would appreciate your support.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

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Calendar: Autumn TWO

Monday 11th December - UKS2 visit to St. Andrew's Church - Christmas Service.
Tuesday 12th December - LKS2 visit to St. Andrew's Church - Christmas Service.
Thursday 14th December - Dress Rehearsal for our Christmas Singing Concert - **bring your Christmas jumper!**
Friday 15th December - Christmas Craft Day in School.
Monday 18th December - Dress Rehearsal for our Christmas Singing Concert - **bring your Christmas jumper!**
Tuesday 19th December - 6 pm - Christmas singing concert - ticketed event
Wednesday 20th December - 2 pm - Christmas singing concert - ticketed event
Christmas School Dinner Day - our chef promises this is not a Hot Dinner to be missed!
Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd - Christmas Jumper Days - Get the wear out of your Christmas jumper before it is too small! 😊



Thursday 21st December - Christmas Performance for children to watch at 2pm - The Amazing Flower Challenge an Italian Folk Story.

Friday 22nd December - Half Termly Star Assembly - Parents invited (invite only.) 9.05am

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January - First Day back after Christmas break

Christmas Jumpers:

You will see that we have planned in multiple opportunities for the children to wear a festive / winter / Christmas jumper over the next few weeks. The idea behind this is so that the children can get plenty of wear out of them before they grow out of them!

Christmas jumper days are:

Thursday 14th December for our Christmas concert dress rehearsal (you can come in your jumper or bring it for the dress rehearsal.)

Monday 18th December for our final Christmas concert dress rehearsal (you can come in your jumper or bring it for the dress rehearsal.)

Wednesday 20th December, Thursday 21st December, Friday 22nd December. Come in your Christmas jumper with your school uniform!



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Thank you so much to our families who have kindly provided us with some donations of books to help bolster our reading corners! If you have any that you can offer, please keep them coming. This is something we are keen to work on in our classrooms this year to enthuse our children with a love of reading! In January, each class will be engaging in a Sponsored Event to raise money to upgrade our classroom book corners, to ensure that they are full of the latest and best publications to encourage a lifelong love of reading!

Please keep your eyes open in January for our sponsorship forms which will be coming out so that each child can work to raise money to bolster our classroom Reading Corners! Meanwhile...

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED BOOKS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, PLEASE BRING THEM IN FOR OUR CLASS READING CORNERS!



As you know, we are continuing the process of extending and improving the selection of books we have in school to ensure all children can access and enjoy a wide variety of texts and authors throughout their time at EGJS school. Last year, we began the process of updating our school library with newer copies of well-loved books and purchasing new, modern texts covering a range of themes and topics. We have made inroads, but our library is still quite sparse - filling a library as you can imagine is a mammoth task and to complete it, we are asking once again for the invaluable help of our Eastern Green community. We know from times past that our school community recognise the importance of reading and your support has been invaluable. Thank you. We are asking this Christmas, for anybody who is able and willing, if they would be able to make donations of children's books to our school. There are two ways that this can be done:

- Donations of children's books which are in good condition as stated above.
- You can purchase a new book for the school through our Amazon 'Wish List'. Each item bought will be sent directly to us and can be read by children straight away. We have listed a large selection of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and picture books. Please use the link below if you can make a book donation. We will be so very grateful. www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1MEFOVHTEOLFI?ref_=wl_share



Our first books have arrived this week – thank you so much to Poppy In year 4!

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MATHLETICS! Message from Mrs Lawless!



Our new Mathletics platform is now being used by all our classes for homework across school and the children have been so positive about it!

Tabetha in 3C has commented that she has earned over 6000 coins already and is on her second bronze award! **Esme** also said, "The different types of questions are fun, and I like it that you can race your class so you can be competitive."

In 3PS, **Sophie** was very complimentary stating, "I like the games on them and the fact that you can go into a new world. I played against a child from New Zealand, and I loved doing that it was cool playing someone on the other side of the world. I also like trying to beat my dad on Mathletics - it was funny because he found it really tricky!" **Phoebe** also loves playing against her class, especially as on one occasion she beat **Max**. She mentioned that it was a fun way to learn, and she loves that it is so colourful.

In Upper School, children in Year 5 were also very highly favourable about their new homework. **Cordelia** in 5C said, "I love Mathletics because there are lots of different activities and if they are easy, you get on to the challenges!" **Archie** loves the fact there are a wide variety of games to play. In 5M, the children think that Mathletics is fun as it is not just about practising your times tables but gives you the opportunity to do other things too! They say that it allows you to recap on your learning to keep it fresh in your mind to make sure you have understood all the learning in school that week and consolidate what you have covered. They also like the fact that there is no timer, so they don't have to rush to get it finished and be careful and precise with their working out.

We are so glad that the children are enjoying a fresh new tool for their maths homework, and we can already see the positive impact on the children's progress moving forward. If you are having any issues logging in, do contact school so we can help! Please keep the feedback coming! We are so excited about this fantastic new programme!

Well done everyone!
Mrs Lawless

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In Celebration Assembly each week, two pupils from each class are chosen to receive a Headteacher's Award and a Values Award. These awards are for pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values, or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

Our school values: RESPECT • READY • SAFE

This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

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| Year 3 | 3C | | 3PS | |
| | Aiden | Harriet | Louie | Oscar |
| Year 4 | 4L | | 4C | |
| | Millie | Harley | Simeon | Elwood |
| Year 5 | 5M | | 5C | |
| | Jay | Archie | Archie L | Ronnie |
| Year 6 | 6AC | | 6L | |
| | Isla R | Chloe | Oliver | Sophia |

Hot Chocolate Friday



At Eastern Green, teachers are always on the lookout for our children who go, '**Above and Beyond**' - children who always demonstrate, our school values of:

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This includes their behaviour, their attitude to learning, their willingness to give their all to life at Eastern Green and their work ethic in the classroom.

This week's Hot Chocolate Crew are:

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| 3C | 3PS | 4L | 4C | 5M | 5C | 6AC | 6L |
| Esme | Emily | Reuben | Jude | Henry | Ruby | Luca | Emmy |

Well done to these wonderful ambassadors for our school!



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Mrs New in the kitchen is putting together a delicious Christmas dinner next week!

Do get involved! 😊

Mobile Phones: Please can I remind parents that we only allow children to bring mobile telephones into school if they are arriving or leaving school without a parent / carer and therefore need their phone.

If you bring your child to and from school, there is no need for your child to bring their mobile phone into school. Please help us by ensuring your child only has a phone in school if they will need it on the school run.

Thank you.

